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Border Patrol Explorer Academy Graduates 39 Explorers
The Border Patrol Explorer Academy is first of its kind nationwide.

San Diego, California: The San Diego Border Patrol Sector hosted the first ever Border Patrol Explorer academy. Thirty-nine Explorers from San Diego, California, and Nogales and Casa Grande, Arizona, attended the Academy. The Academy, which began on August 19th, concludes this Saturday, August 25, 2000 with a formal graduation ceremony.

The Border Patrol Explorer Academy, an event sanctioned and supported by the Desert Pacific Council, Boy Scouts of America, was designed to provide Explorer Cadets with an opportunity to experience, learn and practice the law enforcement skills, procedures and policies associated with the United States Border Patrol. The Explorers, young men and women between the ages 14-20, were instructed on subjects such as operating an infrared nightscope, performing vehicle stops, physical fitness and border enforcement related law. The Explorer Academy was designed to provide a uniform training curriculum for Border Patrol Explorer Posts throughout the United States.

Explorer Cadet Rubi Torres, an Explorer from the Campo Station, stated that the "Explorer program is a good way for young people to understand law enforcement. The Academy was a great experience for everyone involved. It gave me insight to the Border Patrol and gave me the incentive to pursue a career with the Border Patrol." The Explorer Graduation ceremony will be held at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) Base Theatre at 1:00 pm. Chief Patrol Agent William T. Veal and a representative from Congressman Duncan Hunter's office, Gary Becks, will address the graduating class.

Representatives from the Explorer Academy will be available for media inquiries.

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